

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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CONVERSATION WITH THE SCOUTS

The climate conversation led by the Scouts from the 2nd Longmynd group in the Scout Hut, Church Walk will take place on Monday, 21st February assembling at 2.30 pm for coffee/tea for a 2.45 pm start.

MONDAY'S CONVERSATION

Terry Davies, Group Scout Leader, is inviting the two local scouts to prepare on the subject. The scouts, Alex and Freddie, have just been selected to attend the 2022 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and as part of the UK contingent.

School half-term has pro/cons. Theoretically, scouts are not at school and free. Practically, many either camp or holiday with parents.

Terry is organising arrangements on 'shifting' sands of half-term, winter camps and parents booking for winter breaks. I am grateful for his endeavours in this respect.

U3A NATIONAL CLIMATE SURGERY

The zoom meeting last Wednesday morning was attended by 65 members from all over the UK & lasted 1.5 hrs. Four features of climate change were covered:

- A U3A online events page
- A Subject Adviser Page
- Climate Change Network website
- A Feedback Form

(Cont'd) Participants were divided into 8 closed groups to address distinct climate change topics. Outcome headlines were:

- How to plan intergenerational action.
- The need for U3A to work with other local voluntary organisations & other U3As.
- High interest level of producing a toolkit.
- Importance of COP 26 and COP 27 with a considerable U3A presence at the former.

A book given high visibility was 'There is no planet B' by Mike Berners-Lee.

More detailed output from the surgery will be included in the next newsletter. However, the advantages of listening, learning, and sharing with other Branches was apparent throughout the meeting. Church Stretton was the only Shropshire Branch that participated.

MARCH CONVERSATION

On 21st March, we are back at The Yew Tree. The conversation will focus on **how** to make climate change happen in our community. After talking about why and what, 'the how means practical action' that turns ideas into reality.

In the spirit of U3A motto, 'Live, Laugh, Learn', a conversation is being developed that may yield some extraordinary and new ideas!

APRIL CONVERSATION

It is suggested that the date is moved to the first Monday, 4th April and the location is Church Stretton School. The thinking is:

- The school would be happier to meet in a familiar setting to students.
- Easter holidays make the third Monday difficult for the school.

Deputy Head, Martyn Longhurst awaits our decision to meet on the 4th April. (Change of date!). We will decide finally when we meet on Monday at the Scout Hut.

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